

U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	235.8	235.9	265.6
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	182.9	181.2	182.7
Textile mill production workers (BLS, thousands)	193.8	193.9	220.6
Mill product production workers (BLS, thousands)	147.1	145.4	143.5
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$485.62	\$482.30	\$461.27
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$427.12	\$435.07	\$432.57
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.1	39.4	38.5
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.2	38.3	39.1
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	74.9	74.1	78.0
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	71.2	70.3	71.7
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	120.2	119.7	119.3
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	105.7	105.2	106.4
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	107.7	107.4	103.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	111.7	111.1	110.8
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	120.4	120.2	119.8
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.1	123.0	122.4
Carpet (1982=100)	133.3	127.9	132.4
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,405	\$3,392	\$3,223
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,101	\$3,165	\$2,833
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,879	\$4,908	\$5,075
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,109	\$5,100	\$5,019
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.43	1.45	1.57
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.65	1.61	1.77
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$15,711	\$15,570	\$14,719
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	165.4	159.6	133.6
Imports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$24,885	\$18,937	\$24,393
Exports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$5,321	\$3,902	\$5,264

U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	138,772	138,576	137,505
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.6	5.6	6.1
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	115.4	114.5	110.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	188.0	187.4	183.8
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	144.5	142.7	136.8
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,518.3	\$9,381.0	\$9,048.7
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,527.1	\$8,363.3	\$8,039.2
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$29,119	\$28,623	\$27,720
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,969	2,011	1,637
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	76.9	76.5	74.2

+ Preliminary ++ Revised

*Textile mill numbers include yarns, spinning, texturing, throwing and twisting, and all types of fabrics and finishing.

**Textile products numbers include carpet and rugs, curtains, draperies, other home textiles, canvas, tire cord, and fabric and textile bags.